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Assessment Practices Survey Report for Sacramento County Released

Most Properties Assessed Properly and Assessment Quality Meets State Standards

The Sacramento County Assessment Practices Survey Report on the quality of the 2008-09 Sacramento County assessment roll was released today, announced Barbara Alby, Acting Member of the State Board of Equalization.

The Sacramento County assessment roll consists of 514,579 assessments representing approximately \$140 billion in value. The survey report states most properties in Sacramento County are assessed properly and that the overall quality of the assessment roll meets state standards. The report notes eight recommendations for improvement to the Sacramento County Assessor's programs and includes the Sacramento County Assessor's response to the BOE's recommendations. The 2010 Sacramento County Assessment Practices Survey Report is available online at www.boe.ca.gov.

The BOE is the agency responsible for promoting statewide uniformity and consistency in property tax assessment, reviewing each county's property assessment practices and procedures once every five years and publishing an assessment practices survey report. The report provides an overview of how well the assessor's duties are performed and identifies where improvements should be made. Every assessor is required to identify and assess all properties located within the county – unless specifically exempt – and maintain a database or "roll" of the properties and their assessed values. If the assessor's roll meets state requirements, the county is allowed to recapture some administrative costs. More information on the BOE assessment practices survey program can be found online at: www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm.

Barbara Alby, of Folsom, is the author of California's Megan's Law, alerting communities when sexual predators move into their neighborhood. She became Acting Board Member for the Second Equalization District in March, 2010. Prior to becoming Acting Member, she served as the Chief Deputy to Second District Board Member Bill Leonard. She also served in the State Assembly from 1993 to 1998, representing the Sacramento area.

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